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SUBJECT: JIMSON SEED IN SORGHUM

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BEGIN SUMMARY. NOT CLEAR WHETHER SORGHUM WITH JIMSON SEED EXPORTED TO INDIA VIOLATED U. S. FEDERAL FOOD LAW. INDIA SUPPLY MISSION HAS RETAINED LAW FIRM TO OBTAIN LEGAL OPINION. RECENT SORGHUM SHIPMENTS SEEM FREE OF JIMSON SEED. SOME SORGHUM SHIPMENTS BEING TEMPORARILY SWITCHED TO WHEAT TO SPEED DISTRIBUTION IN INDIA. END SUMMARY.

1. AS REPORTED EARLIER (STATE 54423), U. S. FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) HAS NOT PROMULGATED ANY REGULATIONS OR ESTABLISHED ANY OPERATING GUIDELINES GOVERNING PRESENCE OF JIMSON SEED IN FOOD. HOWEVER, SECTION 801(D) OF FEDERAL FOOD, DRUG AND COSMETIC ACT STATES THAT EXPORTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOOD CANNOT BE IN CONFLICT WITH LAWS OF COUNTRY OF INTENDED EXPORT. THIS WOULD SEEM RAISE POSSIBILITY THAT EXPORTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN CONFLICT WITH U. S. ACT IF INDIA HAS LAW PROHIBITING FOOD IMPORTS CONTAINING JIMSON. HOWEVER, TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE, INDIA'S PREVENTION OF FOOD ADULTERATION ACT DOES NOT MENTION JIMSON SEED (DHATURA). FDA WAS NOT AWARE ANY SPECIFIC INDIAN REQUIREMENT REGARDING JIMSON SEED.

2. ON

COST OF TWO LUNCHES AND ONE RECEPTION. LUNCH AND RECEPTION COSTS TO COME FROM ATTENDEE FEE OF 100 ISRAELI POUNDS. PLEASE ADVISE IF ESTIMATED ISRAELI BUDGET IS ACCURATE.

- 5. REGARDING CATALOG SHOW, IT IS OUR RECOMMENDATION THAT SHOW RUN FOR FULL WEEK AT EMBASSY IN TEL AVIV AND ALSO FOR THE TWO DAYS OF SEMINAR IN BAT YAM. INDUSTRY EXPERT WILL BE CONTRACTED IN U. S.
- 6. DOC WILL ALSO CONTRACT WITH A SEMINAR CHAIRMAN WHO WILL SERVE AS MISSION DIRECTOR. CHAIRMAN WILL PROBABLY BE JIM CONWAY, A VICE PRESIDENT OF ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION.
- 7. ADVANCE OFFICER DON MCCLENNY OF THE DALLAS FIELD OFFICE IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN TEL AVIV ON APRIL 28 FOR TWO WEEKS. DOC REQUESTS SUITABLE RESERVATIONS BE MADE AT A CONVENIENT HOTEL. RUSH

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